Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, before line 12.

--Background of the Invention--

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, before line 15.

-- Summary of the Invention --

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, before 26.

Brief Description of the Drawings-

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, before line 34.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments-

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph.

The thermocromic crystals are covered by a coating of lacquer 5 in order to protect the crystals from the surroundings, the composition of said coating of lacquer being stated later.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph.